International collaborations for LCA venture

521. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have invited international collaborations for its Light Combat Aircraft venture;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the names of the countries which have been approached in this regard; and

(c) how much amount has so far been spent on this project and what additional expenditure is anticipated on developing LCA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government in Oct. 92, had cleared financial and technical participation from USA and European Countries for Light Combat Aircraft Programme. Country would benefit from such a participation by way of reduced financial outlay, ciritical technology inputs, export potential and leading Indian Aviation Industry entering into the International market.

(c) Out of Rs. 2188 crores sanctioned (Price Level Oct. 91) for Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) Phase-I, a sum of Rs. 649 crores has been utilised as on end January, 94.

Area under Cantonment Board, Secundrabad

522. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of area under the control of Cantonment Board in Secundrabad;

(b) whether there is a proposal to shift Cantonments away from Centre of the cities and congested areas; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 10121 acres, of which 236 acres is the civil area.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

सेनाओं संबंधी पेंशन के लम्बित मामले

523. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय के अधीन विभिन्न सेनाओं में पेंशन संबंधी मामले लम्बित हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में पिछले दो वर्षों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने उनको शीघ्र निपटाने हेतु क्या प्रयास किए हैं?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) और (ख) पेंशन मंजूरीदाता प्राधिकारियों के पास पेंशन स्वीकृत करने से संबंधित मामले दो माह से अधिक लम्बित नहीं हैं।

(ग) कार्यालय प्रमुखों/रिकार्ड कार्यालयों द्वारा कार्मिकों की सेवानिवृत्ति की तारीख से 6 माह पूर्व पेंशन दावों से संबंधित कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी जाती है ताकि पेंशन मंजूरीदाता प्राधिकारी कार्मिकों के सेवानिवृत्त होने की तारीख से पूर्व पेंशन स्वीकृत कर सकें। विभिन्न प्रकार के पेंशन दावे तैयार करने संबंधी प्रक्रिया का कम्प्यूटरीकरण कर दिया गया है और निर्धारित समय के अनुसार दावों को अंतिम रूप दे दिया जाता है।

Tension on Indo-Pak border

524. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tension is growing day by day on the Indo-Pak borders; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) There are no reports which indicate any increase in tension along the Indo-Pak border.

Export and Import of computer Software

525. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what value of computer- components are imported from abroad;

(b) what value is added to these by assembling in the form of computers for export;